(a) the total number of currency notes of Rs. 1/-, 2/- and 5/- denominations printed during the last three years; and

(b) the average life of such notes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Details of total number of currency notes of Re. 1/-, Rs.2/- and Rs. 5/- denomination printed and supplied to Reserve Bank of India during the last three years are as under:

(Figure in Million pieces)

Year	*Denomination-wise production*		
	Re. 1/-	*Rs.2/-*	*Rs. 5/-*
1988-89	460.80	1527	1378
1889-90	355.00	1563	1235
1990-91	440.80	1549	1287

(b) The average life of Re. 1/-, Rs. 2/- and Rs. 5/- currency notes is about six months, one year and two years, respectively.

[*Translation*]

Demand of Handloom Weavers

1709. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided by the Union Government to the yarn producing units in Gujrat during the year 1990-91; and

(b) the number of demands received by the Union Government from the handloom weavers in the country and fulfilled, besides supply of yarn, during the year 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Under the scheme for loan assistance for setting up of handloom weavers cooperative spinning mills, no assistance was released to mills in Gujarat during 1990-91 as no proposal for assistance was received from the State.

(b) Financial assistance's under various developmental schemes implemented in the handloom sector by Government of India are provided to all States on the basis of proposals received from concerned State Governments. During 1990-91 a total of Rs. 215.40 crores was released to various States in the country under these schemes. About 462.6 million kgs of hank yarn was delivered by the spinning mills in the country including 13.9 million kgs of yarn supplied by the national Handloom Development Corporation for consumption in the handloom sector during 1990-91.

[*English*]

Setting up of Ordnance Factory

1710. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up more ordnance factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the locations selected for this purpose, State-wise?

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of National Highways in Himachal Pradesh

1711. SHRI D.D.KHANORIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for the development of National Highways submitted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of proposals approved by the Union Government and the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) the reasons for not approving the remaining proposals;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b): During the last three years, viz. 1989-90,1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto February, 1992), 167 proposals for the development of the National Highways were recieved from the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Out of these, 110 proposals amounting to Rs. 4464.05 lakhs have already been approved wide details in the Statement.

(c) Balance proposals could not be sanctioned due to various reasons such as non-inclusion in the approved Annual Plan, non-submission of technical and other details, delay in land acquisition by the State etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

S.No.	*Category of works*	*No. of works approved*	*Sanctioned Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1.	Improvement/widening	25	1556.51
2.	Pavements	5	903.05
3.	Land Acquisition	4	259.18
4.	Bridges/Culverts/Approach Road	14	825.08
5.	Miscellaneous such as road signs, shoulders, survey & investigation, junctions etc.	62	920.23
	Total	110	4464.05